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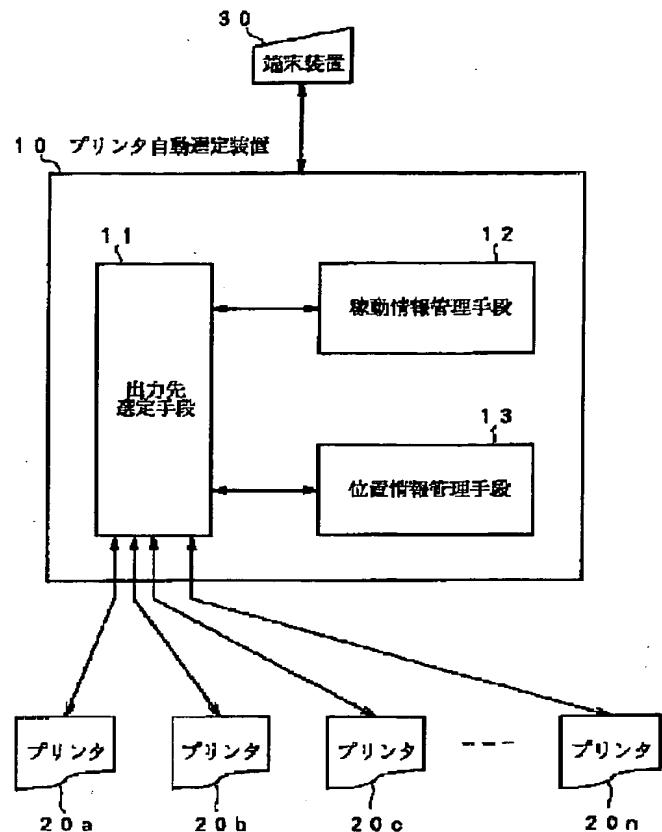
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TITLE : AUTOMATIC PRINTER SELECTING DEVICE



**ABSTRACT :** PURPOSE: To provide an automatic printer selecting device which automatically selects a printer that is not working and has a short distance from a terminal equipment and then carries out a print-out operation by means of the selected printer.

**CONSTITUTION:** An automatic printer selecting device is provided with a working information control means 12 which is placed in a network where a terminal equipment 50 is connected to plural printers 20a-20n and controls the information showing the working states of the printers 20a-20n, a position information control means 13 which controls the position information showing the positional relation between the equipment 30 and the printers 20a-20n for each of equipment 30 and printers 20a-20n, and an output destination deciding means 11 which decides a printer 20x to print out the data received its output instruction from the equipment 30 based on the working information controlled by the part 12 and the position information controlled by the means 13. Thus it is possible to automatically select a printer that is not working and has a short distance from the equipment 30 end to carry out a print-out operation by means of the selected printer.

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